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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
Mathies, et al.

Serial No.: 09/199,655

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For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND  
REAGENT LOADING SYSTEM

Group No.: 1743

Examiner: Bex, P.

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

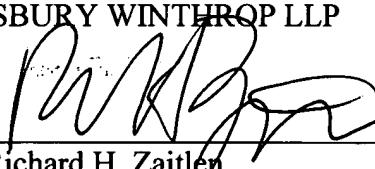
In accordance with Rule 136, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to February 28, 2001, the period for response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2000. A check for \$890 and the responsive paper(s) are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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